THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 5th March 1925.

The House met at 11 o'clock, Mr. President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the chair.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of started questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Forests.

Rebuilding the broken bund of a tank in Tiruvannamalai taluk.

* 367 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Assan Khan and others, ryots of Maluvampattu, hamlet of Kil Venakkambadi in Tiruvannamalai taluk, North Arcot district, applied to the Collector and to the Board of Revenue to allow the villagers to rebuild the broken bund of a tank in their hamlet;

(*b*) whether the Forest Department have expressed no objection for the same even though the water-spread portion is within the forest limits;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the matter has been pending orders during the last four years;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that owing to this inconvenience a large part of the newly settled population have left the village; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any objection to allow the ryots of this village to reconstruct the bund?

A.—The Government have no information, but will enquire.